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> FYI - the Texas Hornshell public hearing last night in Carlsbad went very well. About 38 attended. Good conversation at the information meeting, and only 2 spoke at the hearing. Reps from two Senators and Congressman Pearce were present, none spoke on the record at the hearing, but they did in the public information session. Nothing confrontational. Some concern about federal regulation, and a fair amount of concern and support for the health of the Black River and mussels, mainly from local residents, farmers and ranchers. It sounds like the Black River is a pretty special place. Pretty fun and positive. Miami U. prof. & 6 students came in from their field work, too. NMDGF was present.
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> It's obvious that Deb Hill and the NMESFO has done a good job communicating with folks there. People's fears about a federal agency getting involved, although present, were pretty dialed back, and their interest in conserving healthy aquatic ecosystems was fairly evident. Deb also did well handling questions, and George was a good hearing officer.
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